How to / Trackmania / Trackmaking / Advertisement signs

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Introduction

All ad signs on a track can be painted with a custom image of your choice. They're mostly used for dislaying the driving directions or all sort of advertisements.

JPG, PNG, DDS and BIK files can be painted on ad signs. Locators can be used with ad signs.

Simple example

The easy way to go about making signs is to just google an image and open it in your favorite image editing program.

A nice TM Wii Logo is found on the internet and opened it in Photoshop.

Resize and crop it

By nature, only DDS files REQUIRE a x/y pixel size of 2^X. All other format don't require it and the chosen image will be automatically stretched to the size of the sign.
So even a JPG with 503*167 would be strechted to 512*256 automatically without problems, but to obtain optimum sign quality, stretching of any sort should be avoided. 512*256 should be the image's own resolution.

Saving the file

Save the file as JPG and loaded it up to a webspace.
You can create a locator for it and put it into your image folder, but you don't have to.